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SUBJECT: LANGUAGE DESIGNATED RSO POSITIONS

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1. PROFICIENCY IN SWEDISH IS HIGHLY DESIRABLE BUT NOT ESSENTIAL FOR THE RSO POSITION IN STOCKHOLM. MOST OF THE EDUCATED POPULATION IN SWEDEN SPEAKS ENGLISH REASONABLY WELL. HOWEVER, THERE ARE SOME DIFFICULTIES IN COMMUNICATING WITH LOCAL POLICE OFFICIALS. ALSO, THERE ARE NO LOCAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE NEWSPAPERS AND FEW RADIO OR TV PROGRAMS BROADCAST IN ENGLISH.
  2. THE GOVERNMENT OF SWEDEN OFFERS FULL TIME SWEDISH LANGUAGE CLASSES WHICH START ALMOST EVERY WEEK AND LAST UP TO ONE YEAR. THERE ARE NO CHARGES FOR THE CLASS OR TEXTBOOKS. A FULL TIME COURSE (5-6 HOURS PER DAY OF 6-8 WEEKS) GIVES A PERSON A GOOD FOUNDATION IN THE LANGUAGE AND THEY WILL BE WELL ON THEIR WAY TO A 2-2 PROFICIENCY LEVEL.
  3. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THERE BE A 6-8 WEEK OVERLAP BETWEEN RSO'S TO ALLOW THE INCOMING RSO AN OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND THE LANGUAGE CLASSES. ALSO IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT SPOUSES AND DEPENDENTS ARE ALSO ELIGIBLE FOR SUCH CLASSES. UTILIZING THIS OPPORTUNITY IS A DESIRABLE ALTERNATIVE TO NO LANGUAGE TRAINING AT ALL. ALSO, IT
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WOULD ELIMINATE ANY PROBLEMS IN ATTEMPTING TO PROGRAM

THE RSO REPLACEMENT THROUGH THE INFREQUENTLY OFFERED  
FSI SWEDISH LANGUAGE TRAINING.  
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